

given notice to Senator BUNNING and others that I will be renewing this unanimous consent request tomorrow morning.

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DURBIN. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn after the statements that have already been noted as part of this request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Tennessee.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST— H.R. 4691

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Illinois for his nature this evening. I thank all of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. I think we have had a nice discussion. I think we all know this is not about any of our lack of desire to make sure that these benefits are extended. I think everybody here knows this. It has been nice listening to some of the comments.

Therefore, since it was out of order before, I would like to ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4891, that the amendment at the desk which offers a full offset be agreed to, that the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and this issue will be dealt with. Every American that is looking for the benefits we have discussed will have those forthcoming.

Mr. President, I ask that that be approved.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DURBIN. Reserving the right to object, I believe the Senator from Tennessee said 4891. I think the bill was 4691.

Mr. CORKER. H.R. 4691.

Mr. DURBIN. If the Senator would not mind repeating his unanimous consent, I didn't quite hear the end of it.

Mr. CORKER. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4691 which I understand to be the measure that is before us, that the amendment at the desk, which I understand offers a full offset to pay for this, be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read for a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DURBIN. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The Senator from Kentucky.

#### OFFSETTING THE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT EXTENSION

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, it has been a long night. It is called an ambush. That is what happened. The consent that I was assured of was going to be that the Senator from Illinois offer the same—I am going to get it right—30-day extension without an offset. He was going to offer it, and I was going to have a chance to object. We weren't going to stand around for 3½ hours debating the issue. That is the understanding I had with the leader of the Democrats.

Now, I don't know what I have for tomorrow. I have been assured that the Senator from Illinois will offer the same amendment tomorrow morning, and I will have a chance to object, if I so choose. But I want to assure the people who have watched this thing until a quarter of 12, I have missed the Kentucky-South Carolina game that started at 9 o'clock. It is the only redeeming chance we had to beat South Carolina, since they are the only team that has beat Kentucky this year. All of these things that we have talked about and all the provisions that have been discussed, the unemployment benefits, all these things, if we had taken a longer version of the jobs bill that was mutually agreed on, a bipartisan bill that Senator BAUCUS and Senator GRASSLEY agreed on, that the Senator from Nevada, the leader withdrew his support from and brought his own narrowly scoped bill to the floor, \$10 billion was not paid for, \$5 billion was—so we have \$10 billion immediately after we passed pay-go last week, so we have a \$10 billion bill we talked about early on that just passed and now we have an extension—by the way, the Baucus-Grassley bill was totally and completely—it is debatable, according to the Senator from Illinois, but it was paid for—CBO said it was paid for, but at least that is what Joint Tax said, too, because I happen to be on the same committee with those two gentlemen—we would not have spent 3 hours-plus—almost 3½—telling everybody in the United States of America that Senator BUNNING does not give a damn about the people who are on unemployment; the doctors whom I represent that I did not want to extend SGR; all of the other things—COBRA, flood insurance, small business loans, and small business provisions.

I feel sorry for the people in Kentucky who live in east Kentucky who may lose their Satellite Home Viewer Act for a day or two because they will miss all those Senate commercials that are going on. I know how they desperately want to watch those, but if they do not have cable, they will not be able to do it.

But this debate could have been completely changed had not the other side

rammed through a bill, a partisan bill, over a bipartisan bill. You cannot preach bipartisanship and practice partisanship. I do not give a darn how good you are at conning people, people see through it. If you think I am kidding, go into your State and ask. The American people understand what is going on up here. That is why the Congress and the Senate have a 30-percent approval rating. Even the President of the United States is higher than that, and his is not good because it is below 50 percent.

But I have served in this body and over in the House—I have not had as long; I have had 2 years shorter than the House service of the Senator from Illinois and 2 years shorter than the Senator's Senate service; so I have spent 12 and 12, 12 years here and 12 in the House—and we are not conning the people in the United States about anything. They know what is going on. That is why they are madder than heck. They are tired of Senators who talk out of both sides of their mouths. They are tired of people who have been appointed to positions who come before the Congressional committees and do not speak the truth. If you think the Tea Party people are crazy, get them involved in your Senate race or get them against you when you are running.

Remember now, this all could have been changed had not the leader of the Senate decided that a bipartisan compromise jobs bill was not as important as his partisan jobs bill that just passed right before all this debate.

I just want to tell the people who have watched—and I doubt if there are many right now—that I am as interested in all those things I have objected to because of no offsets as the people who have spoken on the other side of the aisle or my good friend from Tennessee or my good friend from Alabama.

This body should be and can be better than it has been. In my 24 years of service, I have never seen the Congress of the United States perform as badly as we are performing presently. And it shows up. Bipartisanship means input from both sides—not talking about it, doing it. That is the whole difference in what we have had here tonight. We did not even have to have this debate. Thank you.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands in adjournment until Friday, February 26, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:52 p.m., adjourned until Friday, February 26, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.